

CITY OF MADISON LAKE

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February 19, 2010 Congressman Timothy J. Walz 1529 Longworth House Office Building Washington, DC 20515

Re: Congressman Walz Appropriations Project Request Form Fiscal Year 2011

Dear Congressman Walz,

The City of Madison Lake has submitted an appropriation project request form for fiscal year 2011. The City's request is for funding the construction and engineering design of a new 200,000-gallon water tower.

The City's current water tower has the capacity to store 60,000-gallons of water and was constructed in 1911. In the event of a fire, the City does not have enough water storage capacity to adequately extinguish a fire. The inability to adequately suppress a fire causes me great concern of the danger this could cause the residents of the City of Madison Lake.

The project would be a good use of taxpayer funds because it will be benefiting 936 people of southern Minnesota. Construction of the water tower could create up to ten construction jobs. The construction jobs will also have a trickledown effect on the local businesses in Madison Lake, as those ten construction workers spend money at our local convenience stores and restaurants.

The City of Madison Lake would have to bond for the balance of the project expense that does not come from federal sources. The City has applied for funding through the Minnesota Public Facility Authority (PFA), but has scored relatively low for funding. Typically, the PFA does not fund water tower projects.

The specific goal for the project is to provide the residents of Madison Lake with an adequate supply of water for consumption and fire suppression. The City Council and I measure progress by ability to complete the project.

Thank you for your time and consideration, I hope to hear from you in the near future.

Please contact me at 507.243.3011 if you have any questions.

Sincerely

Kenneth A. Reichel

Mayor

Congressman Walz Appropriations Project Request Form Fiscal Year 2011

Please return entire application packet via e-mail to Congressman Walz's office no later than Friday, February 19, 2010. Email all information to Congressman Walz's Outreach Director at matthew.wohlman@mail.house.gov

Forms must be completed using Microsoft Word - no handwritten forms will be accepted.

In addition to this form, a signed request letter (on applicant's official letterhead) from the submitting government unit, company or organization must be included:

- For non-profit groups, the letter should be signed by the CEO or executive director.
- For municipalities, other local units of government and State agencies, the letter should be signed by the most senior elected official (i.e. Mayor, County Board Chair, Sheriff, County Attorney, and Governor).
- The letter and form should be <u>scanned and e-mailed</u> to matthew.wohlman@mail.house.gov Due to delays in mail processing for Congressional offices, regular mail is regrettably not an option.
- The letter should discuss why the project would be a good use of taxpayer funds, what percentage of funding for the project would come from non-federal sources, how many jobs the project would create, the project's impact on southern Minnesota, the breadth of local support for the project and what the project's specific goals are and how the project's leaders measure progress toward those goals.
- Project requests that are received after the February 19 deadline or that do not include a signed request letter will not be considered.
- Any additional letters of support from local officials are also welcome.

In addition, if you are requesting federal funding for multiple projects, you must attach a letter, from the same submitting agent as the letter above, listing all of the project names and funding amounts you are requesting. The projects should be listed in priority order; with the first project being your top priority, and so on.

If you have supporting documentation, including project drawings, economic impact studies, governmental resolutions or other materials that show broad public or coalition support are welcome to be submitted with the application.

Congressman Walz believes that the federal appropriations process should be conducted with the maximum degree of transparency. Applicants should be aware that our office will release to reporters and post on our website a public list of all requests submitted to the Appropriations Committee, the dollar amount of each request, and the name of the requesting organization. In addition, our office reserves the right to contact you in the future

and request more information about your project should it receive federal funding, including tracking the project and its economic impact.

In addition, it is possible that public hearings will be held to give you an opportunity to testify on behalf of your project. If a public hearing is scheduled, you will be given notice at least seven business days before the hearing, to give you time to prepare.

Please note the following:

- The federal appropriations process is lengthy and is poorly suited for projects that require a specific amount of funding by a date certain. If you have such a project in Minnesota's First Congressional District, our office can help you find other funding options, such as federal grants. Please contact our office for assistance.
- Due to limitations enacted by the House Appropriations Committee, Congressman Walz may not be able to request every project that is submitted. As a result, submitting this form does not guarantee that your project will be requested or that funding will be secured. In addition, Congressman Walz will review every application and look to secure funding for projects that have strong local support, create jobs in southern Minnesota and/or have a transformative impact on the region.
- Congressman Walz does not submit requests on behalf of for-profit companies.
- Congressman Walz does not consider requests that are not based in Minnesota's First Congressional District or that do not have a significant impact on the First District.
- Applicants are strongly encouraged to submit an appropriations request to both Minnesota Senators, as well.
- After submitting this form, Congressman Walz's staff will likely need to contact you with time-sensitive questions about your project. Please be ready to respond quickly to any questions that may arise.

PART 1 - ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS:

- 1. Please initial to acknowledge the following:
 - The appropriations process is lengthy and uncertain and is unsuitable for projects that require funding by a date certain.
 - Submitting this project request does not guarantee that the request will be submitted to the Appropriations Committee or that it will receive funding.
 - No requests on behalf of for-profit corporations will be submitted.
 - Only projects based in Minnesota's First Congressional District or of clear benefit to Minnesota's First Congressional District will be submitted.
 - None of the funds received through this appropriations request will be used to lobby federal officials.



<u>PART 2 – GENERAL INFORMATION:</u>

1. Name of Project:

New municipal water tower

1b. Is the project located in Minnesota's 1st Congressional District?

Yes.

1c. Please indicate all other Members of Congress you are submitting this request to (NOTE: the more support for a project, the better). If you are not submitting this application to Minnesota's U.S. Senators, please explain why:

The City of Madison Lake will also be submitting this request to U.S. Senator Al Franken.

2. Summarize your project in 3-4 sentences. If you secure federal funds for this project, how long will it take for the project to be completed?

The City is seeking funding for the construction of a new 200,000-gallon water tower. The current 60,000-gallon water tower does not have enough storage capacity in the event of a fire. Upon receiving funding, the project can be completed in one year or less.

3. How much are you requesting in federal earmark funds in FY2011?

The City of Madison Lake is requesting \$900,000.00

4. What is the total project cost? What is the exact percentage breakdown of funding for the project (i.e. what percentage of the total cost will come from the federal government, state government, local governments, private sector, etc.)? Has all non-federal funding already been allocated? If not, what is the likelihood that non-federal funds will not materialize?

(note: some funding agencies require non-federal project funding matches)

The total project cost is \$900,000. The City is seeking up to 100% federal funding for the project. The City has not received any other funding for this project.

- 5. a) If you receive this funding, will the project be completed or self-sufficient? If not, why not?
 - b) When do you anticipate that this project will be completed or self-sufficient?
 - c) For how many additional years do you anticipate asking for funding?

If the City receives, federal funding the project will be completed. The project can be completed in less than one year of receiving funding. If the project is funded, additional funding requests will not be requested.

- 6. Have you received federal funding for this project in the past? Please list the fiscal year and funding level.
 - a) was the funding received through a grant?
 - b) if the funding was received through an appropriations bill, please list which bill provided

c) list the source of all non-earmark federal money the project has received (i.e. from the ARRA, formula funds, etc.).
The City of Madison Lake has not received federal funding in the past for this project.
7a. Which Appropriations bill should your project be funded within?
Agriculture
Commerce, Justice, Science
• Defense
 Energy and Water Financial Services
 Financial Services Homeland Security
Interior and the Environment
Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education
Legislative Branch
Military Construction and Veterans' Affairs
State and Foreign Operations
Transportation and Housing and Urban Development
Energy and Water.
7b. Which department, agency and account should your project be funded within? (For example: USDA's CSREES account; HUD's EDI account; FHWA's TCSP account.)
Unknown.
8. Please confirm that your project is eligible to receive funds by contacting the relevant federal
agency. Please list the name, title, agency and contact information of the person with whom you confirmed your project's eligibility below.
9. What specifically would this funding be used for? Please be specific: construction,
environmental impact statement, staff salaries, etc.
The funding would be used for engineering design, laborer wages, environmental impact statement, and construction.
10. Has this project been authorized in federal law? If so, please provide authorization bill.
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funding and at what level.

N/A
11. (Transportation requests only) Is this project in the STIP? Is it supported by MnDOT? Please attach a letter of support from MnDOT for the project. N/A
12. (Transportation requests only) Matching funds of at least 20% of the total project cost are required for transportation projects. Matching funds cannot be federal funds. Please provide the source and amount of matching funds. N/A
13. (Army Corps of Engineers requests only) Is funding requested for a study or construction? Please provide the Congressional Authorization for this project (Public Law# and Section). N/A
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PART 3 – PROJECT INFORMATION:

1. What is the justification for the project? Why is it a good use of taxpayer funds? (ie: Why is the project needed? What problem will it solve? What gap will it fill?)

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2. How many jobs will this project create in southern Minnesota?

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3. How will the project transform southern Minnesota? (ie: Will it bring cutting edge technology to the state? Lead to new businesses or commercialization opportunities? Help Minnesota compete for government and industry contracts? BE SPECIFIC.)
The project will transform the City of Madison Lake and the tourist that visit the surrounding lakes by providing adequate water supply for consumption and fire suppression.
4. What are the primary project objectives? List your top 3-4 project objectives and describe your plans to achieve these objectives. In addition, please explain how you will measure progress
toward these objectives and hold your organization accountable for meeting them.
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City:	Madison L	ake		State:	MN			Zip	56063	
Point of contact at organization for Rep. Walz's staff to contact with questions			Kelly Steele		Title		Title:	City Administrator		
Phone:	507.243.30	11	Fax:	507.2	43.4330	Cell:		507.42	507.420.8593	
Email:	kellymladm@myclearwave.net									
Contact information for head of organization for Rep. Walz to contact		Kenneth	Kenneth Reichel			Title			Mayor	
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Program Element:* (for R&D projects only)	
Line Number:* (for procurement and R&D accounts)	
Line Item Title*	
Does this project fulfill a validated military requirement? If so, please cite the relevant DOD documents.	

^{*} These can be found in FY2008 P-1 and R-1 documents on the DOD comptroller website: www.dod.mil/comptroller